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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Caplan, M. Examiner: Wessendorf, T.
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For: METHOD FOR ALTERING UNDESIRABLE IMMUNE RESPONSES TO
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The present Preliminary Amendment is being submitted along with a Continued Prosecution Application Request Transmittal for the above-referenced case. Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the present Amendment into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendment

In the claims

Please cancel all of the pending claims and replace them with the following:

89. A method comprising steps of:

providing a collection of mutant allergen genes that differ in sequence from a gene encoding a naturally-occurring allergen protein in that each of the mutant allergen genes contains one or more nucleotide deletion, addition, or substitution as compared with the gene encoding the naturally-occurring allergen protein;